

AN ACT

relating to the board of directors of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 1152, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is amended by adding Section 9A to read as follows:

Sec. 9A. METHOD OF ELECTING DIRECTORS: SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective date of the Act by which this section is enacted into law, the board shall:

(1) divide the district into five single-member districts for electing directors; and

(2) assign each of the existing board positions to one of the new single-member districts.

(b) In dividing the district into single-member districts under Subsection (a) of this section, the board shall:

(1) take into account the existing at-large board position elected by the voters of the Santa Gertrudis Independent School District; and

(2) draw the single-member districts in a manner that retains the existing district lines as closely as possible.

(c) If the district annexes territory, the annexed territory becomes part of one or more of the single-member districts as determined by the board.

1       (d) One director shall be elected from each single-member  
2 district.

3       (e) To be a candidate for or to serve as a director, a person  
4 must be a registered voter in the single-member district the person  
5 represents or seeks to represent.

6       (f) A person shall indicate on the application for a place  
7 on the ballot the single-member district the person seeks to  
8 represent.

9       (g) After each federal decennial census or as needed, the  
10 board may redraw the single-member districts to reflect population  
11 changes. A director in office on the effective date of a change in  
12 the boundaries of a single-member district, or a director elected  
13 or appointed before the effective date of the change whose term of  
14 office begins on or after the effective date of the change, shall  
15 serve for the remainder of the director's term in the single-member  
16 district to which elected or appointed even though the change in  
17 boundaries places the director's residence outside the district to  
18 which the director was elected or appointed.

19       SECTION 2. Chapter 1162, Acts of the 78th Legislature,  
20 Regular Session, 2003, is amended by adding Section 8A to read as  
21 follows:

22       Sec. 8A. METHOD OF ELECTING DIRECTORS: SINGLE-MEMBER  
23 DISTRICTS. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective date of  
24 the Act by which this section is enacted into law, the board shall:

25               (1) divide the district into five single-member  
26 districts for electing directors; and

27               (2) assign each of the existing board positions to one

1 of the new single-member districts.

2 (b) In dividing the district into single-member districts  
3 under Subsection (a) of this section, the board shall:

4 (1) take into account the existing at-large board  
5 position elected by the voters of the Santa Gertrudis Independent  
6 School District; and

7 (2) draw the single-member districts in a manner that  
8 retains the existing district lines as closely as possible.

9 (c) If the district annexes territory, the annexed  
10 territory becomes part of one or more of the single-member  
11 districts as determined by the board.

12 (d) One director shall be elected from each single-member  
13 district.

14 (e) To be a candidate for or to serve as a director, a person  
15 must be a registered voter in the single-member district the person  
16 represents or seeks to represent.

17 (f) A person shall indicate on the application for a place  
18 on the ballot the single-member district the person seeks to  
19 represent.

20 (g) After each federal decennial census or as needed, the  
21 board may redraw the single-member districts to reflect population  
22 changes. A director in office on the effective date of a change in  
23 the boundaries of a single-member district, or a director elected  
24 or appointed before the effective date of the change whose term of  
25 office begins on or after the effective date of the change, shall  
26 serve for the remainder of the director's term in the single-member  
27 district to which elected or appointed even though the change in

1 boundaries places the director's residence outside the district to  
2 which the director was elected or appointed.

3 SECTION 3. The following laws are repealed:

4 (1) Section 9, Chapter 1152, Acts of the 78th  
5 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003; and

6 (2) Section 8, Chapter 1162, Acts of the 78th  
7 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003.

8 SECTION 4. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies  
9 only to a director elected or appointed to serve on the board of  
10 directors of the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District on  
11 or after the effective date of this Act.

12 (b) The change in law made by this Act does not affect the  
13 term of office of a director serving on the board of directors of  
14 the Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District on the  
15 effective date of this Act.

16 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2570 passed the Senate on May 11, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 29, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2570 passed the House, with amendment, on May 25, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, one present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor